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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NIS Commendations X

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1. I have in hand the record on conversation with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
forwarded by you on 5 June 1958. With regard to the two points raised
therein:

a. I am willing to return to our original plan of having
me sign the certificates for the Director as Chairman of the
NIS Committee. I greatly appreciate the interest that
General Cabell has taken in this important NIS undertaking
and hope that he will be able to participate in the presentation
ceremonies.

b. I believe the use of the CIA seal in the certificate is
most proper for these reasons:

(1) The NIS program is a basic CIA responsibility.
I quote from NSCIB No. 3: "An outline of all basic intel-
ligence required by the Government shall be maintained
by the Central Intelligence Agency in collaboration with
the appropriate departments and agencies.... The
Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for
coordinating production and maintenance, and for accom-
plishing the review, publication, and dissemination of
these National Intelligence Surveys, and shall make such
requests of the departments and agencies as are necessary
for proper development and maintenance of the Surveys."

(2) The certificate will be signed "For the Director
of Central Intelligence."

(3) As an officer of the Agency I can properly use
the Agency seal, which I do not believe to be the case
with the seal of the United States of America.

2. Please express my appreciation to General Cabell for launching the NIS Commendation program with a memorandum to each of the service Intelligence Chiefs and Ambassador Cumming. I am sure this program will prove a most important adjunct to the National Intelligence Survey in the years to come.

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cc: **D/Pers**
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